

PPE Process & Burn rate

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, CHCACT has been supporting the efforts of Connecticut's community health centers to source and procure the personal protective equipment (PPE) needed to protect staff and patients.

Prior to COVID, our health centers reported having—at most—a 14-day supply of appropriate PPE on hand (outside of some specialties that had more due to frequent high-risk procedures). When COVID-19 reared its ugly head, CHCACT worked closely with the Department of Public Health and a private funder to source and act as a point of distribution for all PPE donated and purchased. Within a 2-month period, we were successfully able to bring all 17 health centers in the state to an average on-hand stock of 30 days.

We have closely monitored health center stock in a weekly survey, and daily burn rates in a more periodic survey. With increased testing efforts and the move to recall staff back to work, we have seen burn rates come close to tripling for some high-use items. To address this, CHCACT has—and will continue to—work closely with independent suppliers to procure PPE outside of the traditional supply chain and marketplace.

Please see accompanying spreadsheet.